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Subject: To Whom it may Concern,

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I strongly support the proposed settlement between the Justice Department and Microsoft. The settlement more than addresses the concerns brought up at the trial without unduly harming a company that has perhaps done more for the US Economy than any other. This settlement will allow Microsoft to keep innovating, while being sensitive to the needs of competitors and computer makers.

The dissenting nine states proposed alterations to the settlement are punitive in nature, and are primarily designed to help Microsoft competitors at the expense of Microsoft and Microsoft shareholders. They are designed to prevent Microsoft from innovating, and to make Microsoft hand over intellectual property to competitors. Microsoft has shown signs it is very determined to comply with the settlement, by internally appointing compliance officers. Therefore, I believe the states concerns are unfounded.

It is my opinion that if the settlement is approved, and this case is finally closed, that it will help to eliminate uncertainty in the tech sector of the equity markets. This can also help to spur economic recovery.

Therefore, I do not feel it is in the best interest of consumers or the country to drag this on further.

Please accept the settlement of United States vs. Microsoft as submitted by the US Justice Department.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Chauvin

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